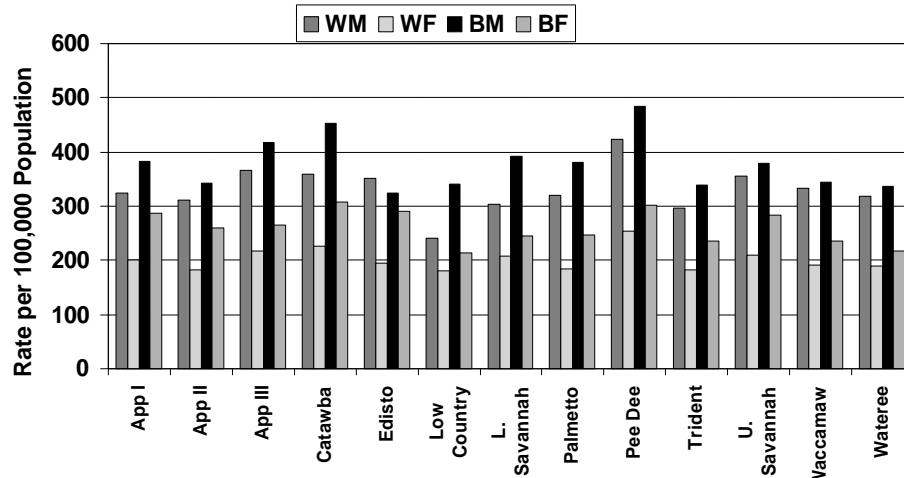


## S. Carolina Health Disparities: Mean Age-adjusted Heart Disease Mortality Rates\* 1999-2001



\*Age Adjustment Uses 2000 Standard Population  
Source: DHEC Biostatistics

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- Heart disease mortality rates among black females exceed rates among white females in all SC health districts.
- Heart disease mortality rates among black males exceed rates among white males in all but one of SC's fourteen health districts (Edisto Health District).
- Heart disease mortality rates are significantly higher among males than among females in all health districts, with white females experiencing lower mortality rates than black females, white males, and black males in all districts.